

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING
ON-DEMAND COMPUTER DIAGNOSTICS

Abstract

A method and apparatus for providing on-demand computer diagnostics
5 are provided. A control object is retrieved and stored at a client computer that is
operative to retrieve a diagnostics module in response to a user request. The control
object is also operative to receive a request from a user to execute the diagnostics module
and, in response to the request, to determine whether execution of the diagnostics module
is authorized. If execution is authorized, the control object is further operational to
10 execute the diagnostics module to perform the requested diagnostic. The diagnostics
module may be configured to only execute in response to commands issued by the
control object. The control object may also be operative to authorize retrieval and
execution of the diagnostics module through communications with a diagnostics server
computer.

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